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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The enclosed Decision Notice has been prepared by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) for the proposed Missouri Headwaters Legacy Trail and Bridge/Approach Project, near Three Forks, Montana. Two public comments and comments from one agency staff were received during the 30-day comment period ending October 31, 2006.

It is my decision to proceed with the preferred alternative to complete the two project components. This will involve the construction of bridge abutments on the Milwaukee FAS and the installation of a pedestrian bridge that will span the Madison River. The bridge would complete the connection of an existing pedestrian trail system between the community of Three Forks, MT, and southern boundary of Missouri Headwaters State Park. The second component of the project is the completion of a ¼ mile trail leading from the southern boundary of Missouri Headwaters State Park to the Park administrative area.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Flowers
Region Three Supervisor

Attachment